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Angry Trannies* Against Cops and Kings

***and Dykes, Faggots, etc.**

The Sex Issue

A witch ought never to be frightened in the darkest forest, because she should be sure in her soul that the most terrifying thing in the forest was her.

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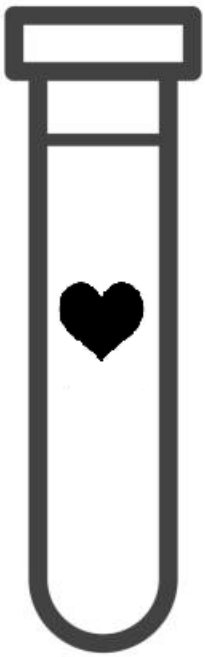
Getting Tested is an Act of Trust and Love

i see a friend comment on not wanting to have to rely on a test, to be able to just trust the person, and it grates against every fiber of my being.

being willing to share sexual histories is a way i show that i care about my partner's well-being. that i get tested regularly shows that i want to make sure my partner is safe, even if the test was done out of an abundance of caution and i have been with no one at all it is a ritual to be performed regularly to ensure that should a situation arise, i have taken into consideration the safety and comfort of my partner.

and mistakes happen and people are lied to and there are any number of reasons a person might not test negative, but it is something that needs to be known and accounted for. to have an STI is not something one should be shamed for of course, but wilfully refusing to know if one has one is another thing entirely.

it is love and care and trust and comfort to make sure that safety is accounted for, and truly antithetical to a caring society to frame preventative health at odds with trust.



Taboo

I have a good handful of kinks. Some of which are pretty socially acceptable by now, like BDSM and humiliation. Others less so: AB/DL, Watersports, Scat, being treated like a possession, Mommy-/Daddydom etc. etc. All of these (and many others like the oft maligned CNC/consent play for example) are regular subject to being badjacketed by kinksters and vanilla folks alike - online and offline.

Why is this? Why do people have such a visceral urge to shout „You should not sexualize this!" or „These people are perverts!"? Where does this wanton need to control the sexuality of consenting adults come from? I can mostly offer conjecture on this, but to my defence: I've been dealing with this all my life - from tangential contact with people's attitudes to the cop inside my own head. All this shit stems from fear of sexuality and notions of purity. Sex is, after all a deep human desire, a coping mechanism for many and simply fun to participate in. It is also inherently vulnerable and is deeply and horribly hurtful when done non-consensually. I hope I am preaching to the choir here, but I find it necessary to state: only an unambiguous yes means yes. Some, such as children and those inebriated out of their mind CANNOT consent! Also, you need to have safety during sex and play: ALWAYS KEEP SAFE FOR FUCK SAKE! I'm going to start off with the fear of sexuality.

The sex drive is often portrayed as something uncontrollable, a bestial urge within people which cannot be sated - like animalistic hunger. And to a certain extent: yes. One cannot change what one finds attractive and you will not have one really fucking good orgasm and then refuse to engage in sexual activity forever. But it is also not uncontrollable: people decide to act on their wants and urges and decide to ask for consent. To portray the sex drive as fundamentally uncontrollable is harmful as all hell and serves to minimize the severity of actual harassment, abuse and rape.

Now to notions of purity, the desire to keep things clean and uncomplicated. To keep out the messiness of human existence, or rather: to eradicate it. Under this perspective sex is narrow and bound to a set of social expectations: rules, which need not even be ethical in nature. By keeping sex narrow and clearly

defined as to what is „the good sex" it is supposedly made „clean" and „safe". I understand this fear and desire for simplicity to a certain extent. As previously stated: sex is incredibly harmful when performed without consent and/or with abusive behavior. But the fear that specific taboo kinks are being widely used to mask harm is missing the forest for the trees.

Everything can be used to mask harm and people have used even the most high-minded moral ideals to justify abject torture, abuse and violence. The issue lies with how we engage with sexuality itself and with sexual repression and shame. If we want to be truly radical about this, then we have to take it by the roots and change ourselves and our attitudes.

None of us can really choose what gets us going. The variety is as wide and wild as all human experience, from seemingly innocent to outwardly monstrous. For some there is an element of trauma coping involved in kinks and fetishes (I know there definitely is for me), but a kink or fetish doesn't need to be traumagenic in origin to be valid and fine. We should decouple the notion of validity and explanation from kinks and fetishes; we should not need to justify the existence of deviant sexuality!

To scream about whose sexuality is valid or not is just as silly and asinine as gatekeeping gender expressions. It is downright reactionary. And nobody is expected to be into anything: if it ain't for you or you find it icky then that is fine, but don't ostracise people for that. And especially don't go around claiming wild and dangerous shit about people you don't understand or deal with directly. Contrary to popular opinion CNC/consent play kinksters are not rapists and don't have a desire to genuinely hurt people, neither are ageplayers engaging in pedophilia or a sexualization of children. These popular misconceptions fundamentally misunderstand how and why sexual violence happens.

Fringe and taboo kinks do not enforce or serve as an entryway to assaulting and hurting people! I will even go a step further and say that safely engaging in these deviant sexualities is a net positive for all involved and society at large. Repression and ostracising breaks people and isolates them! Being able to be open and kind to oneself is essential to leading a good and honest life.

Be honest with yourself: are you seriously attacked or hurt by someone having someone else smear them with feces and having fun while doing so? Or by people consensually doing rapeplay? Or by someone wearing a diaper and calling their partner mommy or daddy? By someone getting off to vomiting their guts out? By someone enjoying the thought of getting fucked raw in their sleep? Of course not! The puritan urge to control and sanitise, to eliminate what doesn't fit and looks wrong is all that is going on.

Fear of the other, of that which you do not understand and find disgusting. How is this different from TERFs, queerphobes or SWERFs? How does this disgust and hatred not resemble a proto-fascism?

For a moment consider this: what happens with people who fundamentally have to be afraid of someone knowing about their kinks and fetishes? Someone who can't ever feel truly open and intimate without fear of ridicule and being treated as a monster? Even though all these fantasies would only ever be engaged with alone or with consenting adults? What is to happen with those people? Do you think they shall suffer? Be rejected, laughed and spat at? If you truly think so then immediately discard your highfalutin bullshit and just be as outwardly hateful as you actually are.

It makes me sad. We have to hide a major part of our sexual identities to be accepted even in queer and ostensibly sex/kink-positive spaces. The only spaces we can really be open about it are spaces specific to these kinks (and many, many of these spaces have their own issues upon issues) and hopefully some friends who are also into it/adjacent things to varying degrees. You learn to hide and to be ashamed - you learn to hate yourself, not unlike being closeted as queer and/or trans. And many of us are exactly that: queer and/or trans for fuck sake! And we all share the same disgust for abusers and the willingness to prevent people from being harmed and helping those who have been harmed already!

I am angry. I am angry and sad. Get off your high horses, forget your concern for optics. Live what you actually preach and don't badjacket adults having weird and fucked up sex with each other.

If you can't deal with this, then verily: fuck you!

Over the sound of a gun loading
and of thick hot blood rushing
through ice blue veins and cold fingers
the smell of sweat lingers

As the hand rises to do its deed
spectators wonder if she's in need
they watch her reach for air above
and decide her drowning isn't enough

Two opposites so close, is it hot or cold
the end of the story has already been told
by the loaded gun against her cheek,
a pale wince as she hears a bed creak

Social Construction

When we say that "sex is socially constructed" what the fuck do we mean? Lots of us like talking about gender-sex as a broken up thing, where gender, that's the social, sex, that's the biological. But the {biological} is social, and the {social} is biological.

Butler got their arguments. Fausto-Stirling got hers. The journal *Endnotes* got their own thoughts on the "Logic of Gender." But me? I like concrete. Sure, we know sex gotta be socially constructed due to the variable understandings of the concept and the experience of those -willingly or unwillingly- classed "intersex". But that don't give us the nitty-gritty.

Here's how I see it. Binary sex is the assumed separation of two chains. These chains are made up of words-that-aren't-words. Take a look:

Attracted to “Men”	Desire	Attracted to “Women”
Dresses Long Hair “Feminine” Behaviour	Gender Presentation	Suits Short Hair “Masculine” Behaviour
Tits “Female” Fat Distribution Smaller Stature	Secondary Sex Characteristics	Flat “Male” Fat Distribution Larger Stature
Estrogen	Hormones	Testosterone
Vagina Womb	Primary Sex Characteristics	Phallus Testes
Ovum	Gamete Production	Sperm
XX	Chromosomes	XY

The social construction of sex is, then, on a spectrum with the social construction of gender. It's all about policing the chains, keeping them separate and clear. A lot can be, has been, and will be said about this. One thing that has to be said is that it's not actually universal; this is a "Western" construction. One of many actually; some ways cut out some steps of the chain; others rearrange them. A lot of TERFs quietly add in a master-term, one that looks like a "sexed soul." That helps reveal that it is, in fact, socially constructed; the way that biological variation is "supposed to" fit together is socially constructed.

HEY!

You.

Yeah, you.

You look like you've got something to say.

Come shout it with us.

Yell any submissions to atackuk@proton.me

Or at people in the street but we can't promise to publish those.